

NEWS RELEASE

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Incident: Bank Robbery, Armed Robbery, Stolen Vehicle

Location: Union Bank 576 South Mills Rd, 245 South Mills Rd.

Date/Time Occurred: 01/26/21 @ 1653 hrs.

Officer(s) Involved: VPD Patrol, VPD Major Crimes Unit, VPD Gang unit

Victim(s): Multiple

Suspect(s): Alejandro Morfin 6/18/2000

Report #: 21-5667, 21-6619, 21-7221

Narrative:

On the above date and time, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call of an armed bank robbery that just occurred at the Union bank. The suspect presented a demand note to the teller and brandished a firearm. The clerk gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of money and the suspect fled on foot. Patrol officers responded and began an investigation. Patrol officers were able to locate witnesses that saw the suspect flee in a vehicle that was parked nearby. Major Crimes Detectives responded and with the assistance of Patrol were able to locate video surveillance from the area and also from the Union Bank.

On 1/30/21 at 2002 hrs, in the parking lot west of Target at the Pacific View Mall, Patrol officers responded to an armed robbery that just occurred. During the investigation, officers learned that the victim was loading items into her vehicle when she was approached by the suspect, who brandished a handgun and demanded her property. Upon obtaining property from the victim, the suspect fled on foot and entered a black sedan that left the area towards Main St. The suspect later used the victims ATM card at a local bank and withdrew money from the victims account. The Black vehicle used by the suspect was located later and found to be stolen.

Detectives were able to link Alejandro Morfin to both robberies and the stolen vehicle. An arrest warrant was issued for Morfin and earlier today, 2/16/21, a detective with the Ventura Police Special Enforcement Team (Gang Unit) located Morfin in the area of Marion Cannon Park in Ventura. Morfin was arrested without incident and later booked at the Ventura County Jail.

The complete press release, including suspect description, can be viewed online at www.venturapd.org

If you have any information about this crime, you can make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

	Anyone with any additional information about these crimes is asked to contact the Ventura Police Department at 339-4416.
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